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Wheat Production down from 2013

US winter wheat production totaled 1.38 billion bushels in 2014, down 11 percent from the revised 2013 total. Area harvested for grain totaled 32.3 million acres, down 1 percent from the previous year. The United States yield is estimated at 42.6 bushels per acre, down 4.7 bushels from 2013. Oat production is estimated at 70.5 million bushels, up 9 percent from the revised 2013 total but represents the fourth lowest production on record.

Key findings for the Southern Region include:

Alabama: Oat yield is at a record high 65 bushels per acre, but with a 10,000 acre drop in planted acreage, production is down 19 percent from last year. Winter wheat production is down 21 percent from last year due mainly to an 18 percent drop in planted acreage.

Florida: Winter wheat acreage is down 40 percent from last year. Yield fell 20 bushels to 39 bushels per acre. Winter wheat production is down 65 percent from 2013.

Georgia: Oat production is unchanged from last year. Rye production is down 50 percent from 2013. Winter wheat production is down 48 percent from last year due to a 30 percent drop in planted acreage and an 11 bushel drop in yield when compared to 2013.

South Carolina: Oat production is up 17 percent from 2013. Winter wheat production is down 20 percent from last year due mainly to an 18 percent drop in planted acreage.

Small Grains Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production — States and United States: 2013 and 2014

Commodity/State	Area planted ¹		Area harvested		Yield		Production	
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(bushels)	(bushels)	(1,000 bushels)	(1,000 bushels)
Oats								
Alabama	60	50	20	15	60.0	65.0	1,200	975
Georgia.....	50	60	18	20	60.0	54.0	1,080	1,080
South Carolina	20	21	9	10	59.0	62.0	531	620
United States	2,980	2,723	1,009	1,039	64.1	67.8	64,642	70,460
Rye								
Georgia.....	190	170	40	20	27.0	27.0	1,080	540
United States	1,451	1,434	278	258	27.4	27.9	7,626	7,189
Wheat, winter								
Alabama	310	255	285	225	69.0	69.0	19,665	15,525
Florida.....	25	15	19	10	59.0	39.0	1,121	390
Georgia.....	430	300	360	230	60.0	49.0	21,600	11,270
South Carolina	280	230	265	220	54.0	52.0	14,310	11,440
United States	43,230	42,399	32,650	32,304	47.3	42.6	1,542,902	1,377,526

¹ Includes area planted in preceding fall.

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